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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Alicia M Duggins

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/10/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by
Nonomura et al. (US5734788)

Regarding claims 1, 12 and shows a recording medium and a method for recording and reproducing the medium having a data structure for managing random/shuffle reproduction of video data comprising:

At least one piece of title management information as shown by Nonomura in figs. 3b and 4 as title management information table (col.6 ll.28-col.7 l.6)

A playlist directory area storing at least one playlist including at least one play item is shown in fig.5 where the playlist is shown as PGC information and a play item is one of the titles such as “make your arms slim” or “make your waist slim” (col.10 ll.29-34)

A stream directory area for storing at least one clip of containing video associated with the playlist is shown in fig. 2a as a the volume area where digital data is stored (col.6 ll.15-24)

Title management information including one segment associated with at least one playlist directory is shown in fig. 3b (col.6 ll.48-66) where an interactive software title is related to the playlist.

Nonomura shows that each play item in the playlist is a unit to be randomized or shuffled during random/shuffle reproduction in figs. 7b and 9, where it is shown that reproduction can take place with either a standard reproduction mode or a random/shuffle reproduction mode (col.9 l.43 –col. 11 l.30)

Regarding claim 2, a title managed by title management information is a unit of video data is shown in fig. 3b the title management information stores DVD data as video titles (col.6 ll.49-67)

Regarding claims 3 and 4 title management information including branch points and segments assigned to each reproduction path are shown in fig.7b where each mode of reproduction has its own path (col.9 ll.43-57)

Regarding claims 5, 6 and 11, segments assigned to different reproduction paths are associated with a plurality of playlist and the playlists are associated with clips is shown in fig.8 where the VOB are the clips associated with the playlists (col.10 ll.20-30)

Regarding claims 7 -10, a random/shuffle reproduction block which includes a plurality of play items and the storing of the random/shuffle block in the title management information is shown figs. 7b and 9, where it is shown that reproduction

can take place with either a standard reproduction mode or a random/shuffle reproduction mode (col.9 l.43 –col. 11 l.30)

Regarding claims 14 and 15, an apparatus for recording and reproducing a data structure for managing random/shuffle reproduction comprising:

A drive for driving an optical recording/reproducing means that records/reproduces data on the recording medium is shown in fig.11 as an optical disk drive (16) and an optical disk drive controlling unit (83) for controlling the drive (col.12 l.58-col. 13 l.6)

Title management information including at least one segment associated with the playlist is shown in fig. 3b (col.6 ll.48-66) where an interactive software title is related to the playlist.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia M Duggins whose telephone number is (703)305-5621. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Faile can be reached on (703) 305-4380. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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